

GREATEST CRIME IN ALL HISTORY

So a German Prisoner Denounced the War, and Those in Control in Germany He Called Beasts.

The following article is from a recent issue of the Birmingham, Eng., "Post." It throws a strong light on actual conditions in Germany, and conveys the suggestion that collapse may come far sooner than most Americans have dared to hope!

A wounded English officer had much to say to an interviewer who asked him for his impressions of the situation on the western front; but one of the most interesting things he had to relate was his meeting with a German who was taken prisoner at the time he himself was wounded and who carried him some distance back before the ambulance men took charge of him.

This German was a very different kind of man from the ordinary, and gave his views on the war and its long-deferred but inevitable outcome with complete candor and detachment. He had resided for some years in America, but when the war threatened he was on a visit to London, and, afraid of being interned, never having taken out papers as an American citizen, he crossed over to the continent, and found his way into his native land. It was only last year, when the Somme push began that he was compelled to join up.

Greatest Crime the World Has Seen.

"This War," he said to the officer, "is the greatest crime the world has ever seen. The crimes that made the French revolution are nothing if you compare them with the crimes of the beasts who are running Germany today and keeping this war going. They were only thieves and brigands when they began it, and thought they would bring it off; but now they're the bloodiest murderers by wholesale. There never was anything like it before. They know perfectly well they've lost the war; they've known for months that the last chances they had have gone. But they are frightened of their own miserable skins to admit it and call a halt; and because they are frightened of what the people might do when they learned the truth they keep the thing going, and sacrifice many thousands of Germans every single day, and millions of money. For what? To shield the reputations of a handful of princes and politicians.

"It's the greatest crime the world has ever known. Here on this front our people are being killed like flies. Your artillery kills them in bunches. There isn't a minute of the day but legs and arms are being blown off. Our men would gladly give themselves up to end it, but you know they cannot. When there is always an officer or N. C. O.'s about. It is not only our guns that kill. Many Germans fall every day with German bullets in them. They are driven like dogs to the fighting. And to what end? Because our cursed Kaiser and the creatures we call statesmen are afraid of their lives for what will happen to them when the people know it's all up.

People Helpless As Slaves.

"But plenty of them know it now. Many knew before ever I was forced to join up. And perhaps I never should have been made to join if I had known less and never said a word of what I did know. I talked a little of what I knew. And this is enough. In Germany today the man who will tell the truth must be hustled out of the way. That is why I see no hope for Germany; because those left in the country have no spirit; can do nothing. All the strength

of the country, such as it is, is in the fighting lines—helpless as slaves. The others, there in Germany, they are slaves, starving, starving quietly, never daring to say a word. The few who speak soon find themselves hustled into the front line, and no more is heard of them. They go on paying the price—thousands of lives every day; every single day.

"The Central powers' casualties now must be a hundred thousand a week. And all for what? The crazy dreams of a few bankers and merchants, and the cowardly fears of a few politicians and of the Hohenzollerns. They say the Hapsburgs, too; but the Austrians would be thankful to make peace tomorrow but they cannot. They are as much sacrificed by Berlin as we poor devils are here on the front. All the bloody slaughter of this war with its millions of money and thousands of lives lost—every single day—what keeps it going long after it has been finally decided is not the will of nations. No, it is the murderous criminality and cowardice of a little handful of men in Berlin who never have been anything but a pest in Europe.

"Is not that the greatest crime the world has ever known? And is it not strictly true? Does any sane German suppose the appointed end can be altered when the whole New World is ranged against Germany as well as the Old? They know all about the hundred million men in the states; and the millions of millions of money; the innumerable factories and ship yards. They know that America can put hundreds of thousands of fresh troops on this front next spring, and that the exhaustion of Germany long before then will be frightful. It is frightful now; and brute devils that they are, they choose to keep the awful slaughter going, not because they hope it can alter the end, but for what you call 'wait and see!' because they fear to face today what they can put off till tomorrow, at the cost of another few thousand decent lives, another few millions of money.

"Our Tyrants Cleverer Than the Russians."

"Never before since the world began has a twentieth part of such suffering been allowed to continue day after day and month after month to protect a handful of exalted criminals from general recognition of their crimes. The Russian people rose and smashed the bonds that bound them. Yes; but not our people. Our tyrants have been cleverer. It was only the bodies of the Russian people that were fettered. Their minds were free. No German mind, in Germany, has been free since 1870. The Berlin criminals have seen too well to that. Our people think they have been well educated. So they have—very well, very carefully—for just what they are doing now; for the blindest and most damnable kind of slavery the world has ever seen; for a slavery in which the will of the masters must be paid for daily by steadily running streams of the blood of their victims, victims taught to bare their own throats to the knife on the word of command. If your armies could reach Germany itself the slavery might end suddenly. But Germany today is one vast prison full of starving slaves who cannot lift a hand to help themselves, and that it will remain while William the Murderer can go on buying a daily reprieve for his own miserable family in return for the blood of ten thousand of his slaves. Thank God I am out of it."

Mrs. Earl Waren, Mrs. Annie Hughes and Mrs. Eliza Holman went to Kansas City yesterday for a visit. Misses Pauline and Edna Schaal went to Wellington yesterday morning for a visit.

CORDER ITEMS.

Hugh Williams left Thursday for a prospecting trip to Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jones were Kansas City visitors Sunday.

Walter Heffer and wife of near Aullville, spent the week end here with relatives.

Mrs. Hugh Williams visited L. H. Burke in Independence Sunday.

Edna Buchanna returned home Friday after a several days' visit with friends in Higginsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Slusher were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Peacock, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Delong of Rood House, visited R. E. Miller and family here last week.

Misses Edith and Willie Vanderlin were guests of Frances Killion Sunday.

Mrs. Bettie Hackley is visiting her son, Ed Hackley, in Slater this week.

Mrs. C. M. Holman returned home Sunday evening from a week's stay in Concordia with Mrs. Horace Heitmeyer.

Mrs. J. L. Mastin and son were in Kansas City from Saturday until Monday evening.

Miss Mary Edwards left Tuesday morning for an indefinite stay in Montana.

W. L. Holman and wife spent Sunday with relatives in Concordia.

R. A. Roberts was a passenger to Kansas City Saturday morning.

Mrs. Leroy Bell and Miss Daisy VanMeter shopped in Kansas City Monday.

Mrs. Jennings of near Mayview, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Frank Price, this week.

Geo. and Earl Reynolds of Houston, Texas, arrived Monday evening for a visit here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Reynolds.

Mrs. Wm. Wright of Higginsville, spent Sunday at the home of Henry Edwards south of town.

Dr. Moore and wife were Kansas City visitors Sunday.

Miss Salome Schooling of Wellington, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Albert Schumacher, this week.

Nettie Rogge returned Friday from a five weeks' stay in Kansas City.

Mrs. T. J. Newbill and Mrs. Terrill and two daughters, Misses Susie and Minnie, returned to their home in Latoni Saturday after a week's visit here with relatives.

Col. A. A. Walker is a guest at the home of E. N. Hopkins.

Mrs. Oswald Winkler and Mrs. Harry Caldwell went to Kansas City yesterday to spend the day.

Edwin Vaughan went to Kansas City Wednesday for a visit.

Mrs. H. Luellen went to Kansas City Wednesday to spend the day.

Miss Helen Shacklett returned Wednesday from a two weeks' visit in Kansas City.

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1/2 cup shortening
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup milk
2 cups flour
3 teaspoons Dr. Price's Baking Powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
3 ounces bitter chocolate
1 teaspoon vanilla

Cream shortening; add sugar, flavoring and melted chocolate sift dry ingredients together and add, a little at a time, to first mixture, alternately with the milk; beat well for five minutes. Bake in greased loaf pan 40 minutes in moderate oven. The old method called for 3 eggs

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Mary B. Terhune to Allie T. Winkler W. D. \$1.00 50 ft. E side lot 1 block 14, 50 feet off E side lot 2 and 25 ft. off west side lot 1 block 12 First Add., Lexington.

Frank E. Beullens and wife to Geo. W. Moffett W. D. \$1000 lot 3 block 2 South Side Add. Lexington.

Wm. W. Humphrey and wife to Roy Burgard W. D. \$550 E 1/2 SE 1/4, E 1/2 W 1/2 SE 1/4, NE 1/4 NE 1/4, NE 1/4 NW 1/4 NE 1/4 11-48-26.

Anna R. Meng to Susie Brawner W. D. \$75 part lot 5 block 52 First Add. Lexington.

City of Lexington to Frank Simmons W. D. \$400 N 1/2 lot 71 Original Lexington.

James H. Connolly and wife to W. N. Davis W. D. \$1.00 lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 block 2, lots 3 and 4 block 1 Stephanskis Add. Higginsville.

Estella Oles and husband to Tarlton P. Crews W. D. \$375 strip of land N of and adjacent lots 132, 133 and 134 Wellington.

Miss Nadine Inman of Kansas City, arrived yesterday for a visit in this city with the family of Chas. Bruns.

Mrs. J. M. Redd and daughter, Miss Jennie, and Mrs. H. T. Redd of Dover, went to Kansas City Wednesday to spend the day.

John Hix went to Kansas City Wednesday to spend the day on business.

J. K. Leiter went to Wellington yesterday on business.

Mrs. G. C. Marquis went to Odessa yesterday for a visit.

Mrs. J. M. Chaney of St. Louis, arrived yesterday for a visit with Mrs. W. B. Wilson.

Laurence G. Peak went to Kansas City yesterday on business.

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